

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: February 16, 2005

Division: District 1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: Mayor Dixie M. Spehar

Staff Contact Person: Ranny Fitzgerald

AGENDA ITEM WORDING:

Approval of a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, commending Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Chairman David Hobson of the Energy and Water appropriations subcommittee continued federal support and appropriations for centralized waste and storm water treatment facilities in Monroe County, Florida.

ITEM BACKGROUND:

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman David Hobson of the Energy and Water Appropriations subcommittee, and the members of the Florida Delegation in the United States Congress are to be commended for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of Monroe County in urging Congress to appropriate Federal funding for water quality improvements in the Florida Keys.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty ☐ OMB/Purchasing ☐ Risk Management ☐

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:


(TYPE NAME HERE)

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐

Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

AGENDA ITEM # _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING CONTINUED FEDERAL SUPPORT AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CENTRALIZED WASTE AND STORM WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES IN MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Congress recognized the unique environmental value of the Florida Keys and established the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary in 1990; and

WHEREAS, there has been growing concern that the near-shore waters of the Florida Keys have been deteriorating due to inadequate wastewater and storm water facilities in the Keys; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen has made wastewater funding one of her highest priorities and led a tireless campaign to garner support and understanding for this effort in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, almost \$24 million of Federal funding from various sources has now been provided for wastewater and storm water improvements in the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, all concerned parties in the Federal, State and local governments are working together to complete this critical project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Chairman David Hobson of the Energy and Water Appropriations subcommittee, and the members of the Florida Delegation in the United States Congress are to be commended for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of Monroe County in urging Congress to appropriate Federal funding for water quality improvements in the Florida Keys.
2. Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Legislature are to be commended for their steady support of the water quality initiative in the Florida Keys.
3. The members of the Florida Delegation in the US Congress are urged to continue their efforts to obtain Federal funding for water quality initiatives in Fiscal Year 2006, because the water quality problems of the Florida Keys and the National Marine Sanctuary are not yet solved.

4. The citizens of Monroe County are to be commended for facing squarely the wastewater problems and for supporting County initiatives to provide local funding for water quality improvements.
5. The Clerk is directed to mail copies of this resolution to Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Mel Martinez, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the mayors of municipalities within Monroe County.
6. This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

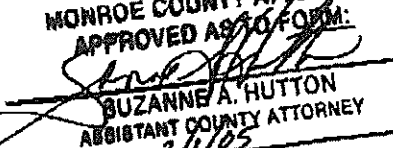
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida at a regular meeting of said Board held on February 16, 2005.

Mayor Spehar	_____
Mayor Pro Tem McCoy	_____
Commissioner Nelson	_____
Commissioner Neugent	_____
Commissioner Rice	_____

Board of County Commissioners
of Monroe County, Florida

By: _____
MAYOR

(SEAL)
ATTEST
DANNY L. KOLHAGE, CLERK
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

MONROE COUNTY ATTORNEY
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

SUZANNE A. HUTTON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
DATE: 2/1/05